

Cold-Read Task Answer Key

1. __A__

Standards: RI.6.1, RI.6.4, RI.6.6, RI.6.10

2. __D__ Part A

__B__ Part B

Standards: RI.6.1, RI.6.3, RI.6.6, RI.6.8, RI.6.10

3. __C__ Part A

__C__ Part B

Standards: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.5, RI.6.6, RI.6.10

4. __A__ Part A

__D__ Part B

Standards: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.5, RI.6.10

5. __C__ Part A

__D__ Part B

Standards: RI.6.1, RI.6.5, RI.6.10

6. __B__ Part A

__A__ Part B

Standards: RI.6.1, RI.6.6, RI.6.10

7. Exemplar Student Response

Aronson would agree with the statement, “Being an archaeologist means looking at the world around us in a different perspective. We live in the present as we study the past in order to learn what to do in the future.” Aronson explained the importance of observation and different perspectives as he shared Mike and the Riverside Team’s work as they studied the different elements of Stonehenge and began to understand what it represented, how the site(s) were used, and why they were eventually abandoned.

Aronson followed Mike, the lead Archaeologist who was brought in to study Stonehenge. Before working at Stonehenge “Mike and his wife Karen (who is an anthropologist) spent years doing research of the island of Madagascar.” This background gave Mike a different perspective than any of the archeologists who had previously studied Stonehenge.

Mike brought in another new and different perspective when he invited Ramilisonina to work with him as he studied Stonehenge. Ramilisonina had only visited England once before and “He hadn’t visited any archaeological sites on his previous trip, so Stonehenge was completely new to him. Mike was bringing a person who could see the ancient stone circle with fresh eyes.” Marc Aronson explains how this new perspective was important as he explains the discoveries that Mike and Ramilisonina made at Stonehenge.

With the help of Ramilisonina, Aronson shares Mike’s story of unlocking “the secrets of Stonehenge.” Through Ramilisonina’s eyes, “it was obvious. The stones were put there for the ancestors. You build out of stone when you want something that will never fade away...Ramilisonina thought Stonehenge must have been built to usher, to welcome, the honored dead into their permanent home.”

As he observed Mike and Ramilisonina, Aronson shows he agrees with the statement, “Being an archaeologist means looking at the world around us in a different perspective. We live in the present as we study the past in order to learn what to do in the future.” The perspectives that Ramilisonina and Mike brought as they studied Stonehenge helped them answer questions that no one in over 300 years could. Aronson shares, “Even now, we use stone to mark a grave. So it might seem that Ramilisonina’s idea was obvious. But in fact he was turning Stonehenge upside-down from what esteemed scholars had been saying for centuries.”

Standards: RI.6.1, RI.6.2, RI.6.3, RI.6.9, RI.6.10, W.6.1, L.6.1, L.6.2, L.6.3